

MCLOUD BOARD OF EDUCATION

***BED* - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All regular, special, and emergency meetings of the McCloud Board of Education shall be open to the public.

The board wishes to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the school system. The board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the schools and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The board, therefore, directs the superintendent to establish procedures providing for limited participation at school board meetings for the citizens of this district.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-118

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BED-R - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (REGULATION)

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation shall govern visitors attending board meetings.

1. Any individual wishing to address the board of education shall communicate such wish to the superintendent by letter. The letter must state the nature of the matter to be discussed, the full name of the person making the request, and what is expected from the board. The letter must be received by the superintendent at least five days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Five days means five business days excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. This will allow time for the issue to be placed on the agenda and permit the board to research the issue prior to the meeting.
2. The visitor's register will be provided for all visitors to list their names.
3. The board may allow discussion with audience participation. The president of the board shall recognize speakers, maintain proper order, and adhere to time limits, if any established. Discussions will be terminated at the end of any time limit.
4. Board members and administrative staff may not respond to questions from the public. Proper questions from members of the public may be referred to the superintendent for later report to the board. The board will not, in most instances, be able to vote on matters brought forward by the public during public participation time if such matters are not specific agenda items. Such items may be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. Members of the public may not be recognized while the board is conducting its official business.
6. The board shall not hear personal complaints unless the proper administrative procedures concerning complaints have been followed. The board will not tolerate personal attacks on members of the board, school personnel, or individual students. If such attacks occur, the board president has the discretion to automatically terminate the discussion.